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Barnum Exhibited by Greeley. From the World.

Horace Greeley was born to be the manager mia wax-work show. Neither the Mrs. Jarley fiction nor the Madame Tussand of fact can Te compared with him in prompt and profitable appreciation of the market value of a moneter. His "Chamber of Horrors" in the Tri-Dune is infinitely more fascinating, with its

daily kaleidoscope of assassinated loyalists. fortured freedmen, and crucified schoolmarms, than any collection of the sort which Is elsewhere accessible. And, such is the just confidence of Horace Greeley in his genius, That he has not feared to grapple at last with the long-recognized prince of humbug himself, and to attain, by a single stroke, the Infliest pinnacle of fame. The spectacle of P. T. Barnum exhibited by Horace Greeley recalls that of the Emperor Valentinian used as a horse-block by the victorious Sapor. He who had triumphed over Joyce Heath and the woolly-horse, over the Feejee mermaid and The Astee children, who had put a hook into The nose of the leviathan public, and chained The morning star of Swedish song to his whariot wheels, is now in his turn become a show. Horace Greeley has caught him, and shaved him, and clad him in a white sheet; he Inas bound a virginal fillet about his mature brows, and put a penny trumpet to his lips, and compelled him to proclaim to all the land, behold the perfect man, and mark the upright !" For the small price of four cents, any purchaser of the Tribune is invited by Horace Greeley to walk up and inspect the only candidate for Congress who will never "sell his birthright for a mess of potage," and who than permit one grain of gold to be accursed by basely using it to induce a voter to act con-2rary to his honest convictions." It is impossible to deny that so brilliant and amusing an entertainment has never before been offered to an intelligent public at so small a charge. The management has surpassed itself in the

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general get-up of the booth, as well as in what

Squeers would call the "richness" of the curi-

In "the mind's eye, Horatio," do we not here behold Simon Cameron, Governor Mor-2on, and other "flagrant criminals" slinking way, rebuked at these ominous sounds? What terror caizes men their guilty souls! What a glow of virtuous appropriate remains the hearts of the public when they see them

flying with averted heads! And oh! how delicious the sensation that awaits us when, having paid our small fee in the open hand of the showman, we enter the sacred precincts, and find ourselves face with the pure, the

proud, the spotless P. T. B.! "This, ladies and gentlemen," exclaims the eloquent H. G., "is the being who has resolved to arrest, at any cost, the infamous practice which we all of us so cordially condemn ! Admire the apostolic simplicity expressed in 2he parting of his hair, the beatific unworldliness of his smile, the guileless candor of his gaze! He wears, you will observe, a white sheet, in graceful allusion not only to the classic custom whereby each candidatus who asked the suffrages of the people, being clothed in candid white, did so proclaim his purity of thought and purpose, but also because a sheet has no pockets; and our friend, fearing lest his enthusiastic supporters might perchance insist on spending his money unbeknown to him, in order to secure his election, has nobly resolved not to carry a sixpence about his person until the polls are closed. You will the more appreciate this, when you know that the wicked Copperheads who oppose him have nominated a namesake of his—a very wealthy Mr. Barnum, a miserable manufacturer, not of woolly horses and seven-headed calves, and other elevating works of art; but of hoes and shovels, and other vulgar implements of iron; and that our great leader, Senator Sumner, has received several letters informing him that this wretched man intends to spend \$50,000 in corrupting and buying up the intelligent reading men of New England like sheep in the shambles. Ah! ladies and gentlemen, what was the stoic incorruptibility of Cato, what the continence of Scipio, in comparison with the virtue of the remarkable man before you? Don't tell me that perhaps all this story about the extravagant intentions of the iron-mongering Barnum is all my eye and also Elizabeth Martin. I am well aware of that; but when you consider the natural passion of beings like our friend for giving away greenbacks promisenously on the slightest provocation, you must surely see that the patriotism which could withstand such a temptation as this to the bestowal of more than fifty thousand dollars upon men so worthy and enlightened as all men who vote

be, can only be adequately recognized by the unanimous election of our friend to Congress. and by a largely increased subscription to the Tribune, daily, semi-weekly, and weekly, which will be supplied to clubs on favorable terms, with strawberry plants thrown in, and mo extra charge whatever for wrappers. 'If the voters of Connecticut, the "intelligent reading men of New England," can resist such appeals as this to their noblest sensibilities, they will deserve, every man of them, to be furnished with compulsory season tickets to the gallery of Barnum's Museum for the term

the Republican ticket straight must necessarily

Barnum at His Tricks Again-A New Political Feejee Mermaid. From the Herald.

Forty-two years ago John Randolph, of

Roanoke, and Tristam Burges, of Rhode Island, were emphatically "representative men" in Congress, the one of Virginia and the South, the other of New England. During their memorable war of words, and before the

of their natural lives.

latter demolished the former by a final blow, thanking Heaven that "monsters cannot propagate," Mr. Randolph won a signal advantage over "the bald-headed eagle of Rhode Island," by exclaiming, in response to his antagonist's eulogy of Yankee shrewdness, "What you call Yankee shrewdness we call Yankee swindling!" But even Randolph could have had no adequate conception of what he so sharply stigmatized, nor of such an astonishing incarnation of it as, in the person of P. T. Barnum, was already "entting eye teeth" at Grassy Plain, in the wooden nutmeg State. P. T. B

himself little dreamed of the dizzy heights of himbug which he was destined to climb. H

was then content to mix sugars, teas, and liquors, to sell cotton for wool, wool and cotton and linen, burned peas, beans, and corn for ground coffee, and corn meal for ginger, and to get rid of old bottles and tin by an ingenusic lottery swindle. At least so he in-forms us in "The Life of P. T. Baruum, writ-ten by himself." He had not yeet been inspired by prophetic visions of Joyce Heth, Niagara Falls in the Museum, the Feeige mermaid, Tom Thumb, the Swedish Nightingale, the woolly horse, the happy family, Iranistan, the Capitol at Washington, and the White House "at the other end of the avenue." however, after having "energized his func-tions," as Dr. Rush used to say, in a surpass-ing variety of ways, Barnum stretches himself for new and still more audacious flights.

As a Congressional candidate he begins by exhibiting a characteristic correspondence with a mysteriously anonymous writer-whose real name may be Outis or Noone, for aught we know This correspondence might form a curious ad ditional chapter in the next edition of the "Model Letter Writer," or of the "Apocrypha." It bears a striking family likeness to the Fejes mermaid, which was so fearfully and wonder fully made. It is a political Feejee mermaid It finely illustrates certain suggestive queries which the illustrious showman, with something like second sight, made two years ago, under the head of "Personal Reminiscences," in his work entitled "The Humbugs of the World." "Need I explain to my own beloved countrymen," he asks, "that there is humbug in politics? Does anybody go into a political campaign without it?" Obviously he does not wish to be suspected of being so green himself as to "go into a political campaign without it."

What a future smiles upon the aspiring Barnum! How shrewdly he has chosen his moment for entering the political arena! The radical party is without a leader. Sick of Sumner's midnight oil orations, sore under Thad, Stevens' lash, tired of Banks' attitudinizing and sonorous monotones, bewildered by Raymond's feats of ground and lofty tumbling, distrustful of light-fingered Ben Butler, vexed at Ashley's blunders, they await impatiently the coming man-and his name is Barnum. He recommends himself to them by writing his own letters of introduction in this ogus correspondence. His denunciation of bribery and corruption is so sincere that they must adore his immaculateness. We fear that perhaps he almost overshoots the mark by taking such pains to throw out the impression that he will give no money to secure his election. If he had said nothing about it, who would have suspected him of ever giving away anything but free tickets to his museum? Under the leadership of Barnum the radical party will be thoroughly reconstructed on the grand historical principle of philosophical hum-Barnum has mastered that principle. He has fully revealed it to the world in the two works to which we have alluded, "The Life" and "The Humbugs." Together these compose what 'may be called Barnum's Bible. From Gibbon and the encyclopedists he has collected the history of all humbugs, from the Father of Lies humbugging Eve in the Garden of Eden, through the Witch of Endor, the Egypuan megidam in the days of Moses, Apollonius Tyanzus, Cornelius Agrippe, Cagiostro, the Count of St. Germain, George Psalmanazar, Prince Hohenlohe, Joanne South cote, Matthias, Joe Smith and the Mormon Bible, the Davenport Brothers, the Japanese

self—the last, but by no means the least! The Connecticut election will be eventful, curious, and intensely interesting. If the Democrats should chance to carry the day, which is not impossible, farewell to the hopes which Barnum's candidacy inspires that the radical party and New England itself will, under his leadership, be reconstructed on a new moral basis of swindling! The country will lose the benefit of the lessons which the Great Panjandrum of Humbug might give to Chase, and McCulloch, and Jay Cooke, and the other financial illusionists at Washington. Pretty tricks as they know how to play with the national finances, they might yet learn much from Barnum.

jugglers, and the rest, down to Barnum him-

The South and the Reconstruction Bill. From the Times.

The suddenness with which the Reconstruction bill has come upon the South seems for the moment to baffle its calculations. The people have not yet recovered from the surprise occasioned by the passage of the measure through Congress, and are evidently at a loss in regard to the full scope of its provisions. They have not had time to think over the mat ter fully, and their newspapers have hardly begun to realize the altered aspect of affairs. We must wait awhile for the means of forming a positive judgment as to the disposition of those affected by the measure. In the meantime, however, it will be interesting to watch the temper and tactics of their local press.

Among the remnant of the fire-eating party the prevailing feeling is a mixture of incredu-lity and defiance. "Hoping against hope," they cling to the idea that the President may save them from the operation of the law; or, if not the President, at any rate the Supreme Court." Before its provisions can be enforced, declares the Lynchburg (Va.) News, "the President will have to be deposed, and the Supreme Court remodelled or abolished." There is an undefined faith, too, in the Northern people, the majority of whom, it is blindly supposed, are adverse to the action of Congress. With a complacency that would be Congress. With a complacency that would be amusing if it were not suicidal, the Montgomery (Ala.) Mail assures its readers, "If we stand firm, the people will come to our rescue." The Richmond Enquirer appeals to its Northern friends to plunge into the breach, and in some way prevent the consummation of the Congressional work. The views we reproduced on Wednesday from the leading Democratic newspapers should convince the Enquirer of the folly of its appeal. Indeed, another Richmond journal, the Times, does not conceal the disgust excited by recent Democratic movements, whether as typified by Mr. Reverdy Johnson or by the House mi-

"In the House of Representatives, when the radical party were rent in twain by dissensions, the so-called Democratic minority coperated with Thaddeus Stevens, and were the cause of the adoption of that, amendment, which imposes negro suffrage upon us whether we adopt or reject the Constitutional amend-ment. The whole course of this minority, we ment. The whole course of this minority, we are pained to say, demonstrated that except as 'gamblers' dice,' our rights and liberties are no more regarded by the minority than by the majority in Congress, and we feel it our duty to admonish the people of the South that in no step which the fearful exigencies of the hour may require them to take should they place may require them to take, should they place the slightest confidence in assistance from the 'Demooratic' minority which lately affiliated with Stevens,"

How, then, shall the issue be met? The Columbus (Ga.) Sun, although "satisfied that this bill is the very best" that may be expected, and preferring to "stand by the portion dealt out to us," rather than to "trust to the tender mercies of the incoming Congress." finds nothing better to recommend than passive submission. Its philosophy is limited to the fact that after the flow of the tide comes the ebb; forgetting that the ebb will bring no

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relief to those whom the flow may have p drowned. The Righmond Engager proposes to stem the torgent through the instrumentality

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Besides, while the Supreme Court may set

In other quarters, it is suggested that Congress should be left to work out its plan—the Southern people standing aloof. The Macon (Ga.) Journal insists that the government of the South by military machinery is practically impossible, and that what Congress considers Provisional Governments are essential to reconstruction. But if these Provisional Governments-argues the Journal-are frauds and usurpations, their members should refuse to continue their labors, that Congress may be made summarily to confront the diffi-culties of its task. The Lynchburg Virginian inculcates the same doctrine. "Let Congress take the whole charge of the adminis-tration of ten States. We would favor it rather than accept reconstruction upon the terms offered." The Petersburg (Va.) Index not only objects to this particular law, but to any form of reconstruction that embraces the test oath. "are so not better off without Congressmen than we would be interpretanted in Congress?" is the query with which the Index seeks to vindicate its opinion. But how is all this to help the South? What benefits will it confer? What rights restore? The South will remain out of the Union, and the exclusive power of determining the conditions of restoration will continue vested in Congress. With this fixed fact before it, what profit, or convenience, or dignity can non-resistance and non-action bring to the South?

The plan "appears to be entirely permissible and not obligatory," remarks the Montgomery Mail. We think that the assumption is not warranted. Congress has provided a method of reconstruction, under which the existing State Legislatures may take the initiative by providing for the assembling of the contemplated Convention. It does not follow, however, that if the local Legislatures neglect the opportunity, reconstruction will be indefinitely postponed. The next step will be to provide for the election of delegates by other than local legislative action; and the men who now imagine that their obstinacy will suffice to thwart the law, will discover to their cost that reconstruction may be carried on without

The Richmond Examiner, of all the Southern journals that have come under our notice, alone seems to comprehend the wisdom of action. Referring to the plan of Congress, the Examiner says:-

"With all its multiform abominations, it contains one feature intherto unseen in any act of the Thirty-niuth Congress. Upon the fulfil-ment of certain requirements by a Southern

State, it declares:
"'Such State shall be entitled to a representation in Congress.'
"Those words, should they become the law of Those words, should they become the law of the land, are a summons to the representatives of the people of Virginia which they cannot afford to disregard. They contemplate the re-surrection, at some time, of the State now de-stroyed. And if there is no legal and peaceful means of resisting that destruction, we should

Passing from newspapers to politicians, we observe that Governor Peirpont, of Virginia, urges that a convention should be called at once in that State. If the Legislature refuseshe is reported to have remarked-"designing politicians" outside will proceed on their own account; and we apprehend that the same may be said of every excluded State. In Georgia, ex-Governor Brown has published a similar recommendation, and his words will undoubtedly influence the people, whether the politi-cians heed them or not. Governor Orr is also exerting himself to overcome the extremists of South Carolina; and it is not unlikely that the insulting violence with which these counsels have been received will induce him to attempt the organization of a new party in the State, with a view to its reconstruction in harmony with the will of Congress. Our Charleston correspondent represents that the efforts of Gov ernor Orr have not been without effect upon the people, of whom it is said that "they are now willing to make great concessions." When the purpose of Congress shall be more com pletely realized by the South, we may expect that this willingness will make itself felt. look to the people to overcome the pride and selfishness of politicians, and to substitute prudence and concession for the vanities which are taught by the newspapers.

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"The increasing infirmities of two of the five conservative Judges foreshadow the death of at least one of these venerable men in less than twelve months. The Senate, in such event, will refuse to confirm any nomination of the President unless the nominee is in strict accord with Chase. We shall then have a Supreme Court consisting of eight members, composed of four radicals and four conservatives. This will lead to a divided Court whenever any question growing out of the legislation of Congress upon the question of reconstruction is presented. And, we believe, an appeal falls when the Court is divided. And the appeals, it must be remembered, will be from the decisions of Underwoods and the Busteeds, who have neither learning, character, decency, nor meroy. The decision of the Supreme Court, in the matter of the 'test oath,' has already been set at defiance by subordinate Federal Judges, sitting in sight of the dome of the Capitol."

aside a particular enactment, it cannot relieve the South from the dominion of Congress. It may cause delay, but it can in no respect extricate the South from its position. And meanwhile Congress will adopt yet harsher measures, and the Northern people, incensed by what will be considered Southern contumacy, will sustain Congress in its course. In all probability the personnel of the Supreme Court will before then be in harmony with Congress. So that, as the Richmond Times points out, the South will commit a fatal blunder if it relies upon a judicial decision to secure more lenient conditions.

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should be paid, and withdrawn from the market; therefore,
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Section 2. The bids for the said loan shall be opened in the presence of the Governor, Auditor-General, and State Treasurer, and awarded to defendess of the Commonwealth.

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the same in the bonds authorized to be issued by this,act, at a rate of premium not exceed-ing twenty per centum.

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